

own laws.* The famous traveller,
 Benjamin
 of Ttidela, who visited Sicily about
 1170, found
 some one thousand five hundred of
 his people
 in Palermo, possessed of synagogues
 and full
 liberty to worship.* It is interesting to
 note that
 while Roger surrounded himself with
 officials and
 savants of several races, no Jew of
 prominence
 is found at court.

Of Arabic influence upon Roger II, a
 state-system
 we have already spoken, The Moslem
 officials
 brought to his service great skill in the
 manage-
 ment of revenue and finance; it was to
 them that
 he owed the *Dohantg* and what was,
 outside of
 Greece, the most efficient and scientific
 exchequer
 in all Europe, The lower branches of
 the Curia
 were full of Moslem clerks and
 notaries (sahibs
 and kaid); even an Englishman, such
 as Thomas
 Brown, is given the title of kaid (|
 fiiliw). From
 the Arabic "emir" came a title and
 an office
 the highest in the kingdom, which
 soon
 into all the languages of Europe.
 Otherwise the
 highest official titles remain Greek or
 French,
 but *dmilSt hakims, cadis* judged and
 commanded
 their own people, and stood to
 the
 government,

When Guiscard and Roger

Sicily,
they found the Moslems the
dominant race,

*^aLatin!, grod, iudiri, ct fuxtn
iBBeaiudicetur." Vita La Mantfo, *A*ticlut*
dtl& M SieUia p, clxviil,
^a Ijfwrtww, ad, Acller, 1907, pp. 78-9,